

Weekly Ledger

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home and save money.

near the Mexican line must

Republican party of Georgia

but it is still at large.

things seem darkest for the

Russians can always whip

There is no bookkeeper but he

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is war.

There are three ways of enjoying

in springtime—being a pla-

baseball player or a tramp.

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of that kind, any way?

Weekly Ledger is glad to know

etter, a prominent attor-

Green, Mo., is going to

for the legislature from

The people of Pike are

having a man of Mr. Hos-

gements agree to accept

and he should be elected

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posure and Drafts.

Right. Take

New Discovery.

without any opposition. One of the most important questions to be considered in the next legislature is an arrangement so that the Supreme Court and court of appeals can in some way catch up with their work. Mr. Hostetter's influence would surely get results in that direction.

THE death of W. S. Ragsdale, known to his many friends as "Bill" will be deeply regretted by all who have grown up in Mexico. Mr. Ragsdale was a Mexico boy, and has been identified with Mexico interests all of his life, and was big hearted, kind and genial.

THERE will always be people who don't get along, and they always find fault and criticize those who make good. Referring to one of the reasons why there are so many pessimists, the Armstrong, Missouri, Herald editorially says: "Some folk like to get on in the world but are not willing to pay the price. It takes work, hard work, and close application to business to make a success and this is the price that many fellows are not willing to pay. They see others succeed and complain because success does not come to them, yet they overlook the fact that the successful men are the ones that work hard and stick to business while they are idling their time away in fault finding."

POLITICS AN UNDESIR-

ABLE GAME

REFERRING to the fact that the political game is not worth playing, along the line of "never again having anything to do with political office of any kind", Jack Blanton, horse editor of the Paris Appeal, editorially says:

To begin with, the best thing that can usually happen to the applicant is to lose out. If he is successful, the chances are ten to one he will never want to do anything except hold on to his job. To end with, we don't want to be a nuisance to the job dispenser or make him feel that we had method in our friendship. Besides our experience along this line has not been very satisfactory. During the last three years we were instrumental in getting quite a number of parties attached to public seats. One or two of them were appreciative; one or two others turned traitor to the man who gave them jobs; still others forgot the service altogether. Worse still, several for whom we made honest but unsuccessful efforts have never been quite so cordial since they failed to connect, evidently feeling that we could have done better had we tried. We are willing to endorse any friend who wants to try for a place but further than that deponent sayeth not. Verily, politics is a devil of a game and few there be who can follow it with either pleasure or profit.

WILL THEY BUILD

Looks As Though Burlington Extension Would Come Soon.

The signs of the hour hint that the Burlington Railroad has not yet made any deal to use the Wabash tracks from Moberly into Kansas City, says the Richmond Missourian.

The Burlington engineers are now surveying this side of Moberly. Last week they had gotten through the Roanoke neighborhood west of Moberly.

The survey from Carrollton to Morton is supposed to be well nigh located. From Morton the line is surveyed past the old poor farm, by Hannibal Har- riss through Knoxville, and on to St. Joseph.

Who knows but what 1916 may see the Burlington moving dirt for its great trunk line through Ray county?

Closes Encouraging Year.

There was a good attendance at the annual congregational meeting of the Mexico Presbyterian Church Friday night. Reports from all branches of the work were such as to bring cheer to the hearts of the members of the church, and hopeful anticipation of the work for the coming season.

During the past twelve months 54 members have been added to the list of members, and \$4870 has been given for religious work. Of this amount, about thirteen hundred was spent on benevolences. All branches of the work are well organized.

After hearing and discussing the reports, the ladies served delicious refreshments and the congregation dispersed shortly after ten o'clock.

Gip Mildred Likes the Ledger.

Gip Mildred, writing the Ledger from Livermore, Colorado, says:

"Enclosed find \$1.00 for renewal of the Weekly Ledger. I enjoy get-

ting the paper every week, and peruse every line of it. Out here the weather is fine. President Wilson has many admirers among both the Re-

publicans and Democrats, and I trust he will get the nomination and be elected again.

Regards to all Mexico people. Ex-

pect to be home some time this year.

Sincerely,

A. G. MILDRED.

Mrs. R. M. Allison entertained on

Wednesday at 12 o'clock dinner, the

guests: Mrs. R. S. McConnell of

Gammas, Mo., Mrs. A. H. Barrager of

Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. T. T. Turley.

Joe Hopkins a deputy sheriff of

Kansas City, was in Mexico Sunday

en route to Jefferson City.

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MY KLONDIKE TRIP

BY CHARLES DOBYNS

The following interesting story of Chas. Dobyns trip to the Klondike in March 1897 is a most entertaining document as the party of which he was a member was the largest single unit to leave for the gold fields in the famous rush and departed from Mexico in a special train. Mr. Dobyns tells his fearful experiences in a most interesting narrative sure to please the reader.

By Chas. Dobyns

I started to the Klondike eighteen years ago, March first, with the Headington and Purcell party, Mr. J. W. Headington being a citizen of Mexico and still residing here. There were about a hundred men on the train which departed that afternoon and it took us six days and nights to arrive in Yokama, Washington, where we boarded the City of Seattle on March 12. This vessel was the largest vessel on the Pacific coast and there were 950 passengers on board when we sailed. The trip to Skagway, where we debarked, occupied five days. We started our land trip over the Dia trail as Mr. Purcell said it was better traveling than on the Skagway route.

Everything was loaded on large flat boats at Skagway including the passengers and a small tug pulled us to shore as the water was too shallow for the steamer to land. We landed at four o'clock and when the tide went out the flat boats were stranded upon a beach until next day.

They had big transfer teams there to haul the luggage which included hardware, groceries and other equipment. Each team was allowed only 1500 pounds. They hauled each load to a station where it was weighed. In order to facilitate matters nineteen of us messed together. This was Saturday. We got up early Monday morning and loaded our sleds with bed clothing, tents and stores. We first went to Canyon City, four miles the first stop. We dug out a place in the snow to put the tents in. We went backwards and forwards till we had everything moved. We always had loads weighing from three to five hundred pounds. When we had everything in Canon City, the most of them said they would not haul the stuff themselves and agreed to pay to have it hauled. We hired a man that had a horse and put two sleds together. He charged us three cents a pound. He hauled us to Sheep Camp where we stayed eight or ten days, waiting for Mr. Purcell to come on. Guess it was best we didn't go on, or we would have been caught in a snow slide. Early one morning the men came out to our tents shouting and calling, "Go to Summit Hill with your picks and shovels. There was a big snow slide and hundreds of people are buried in the snow." There were twenty-five people killed. Some were taken out alive. They took them to a warm place and thawed them out. There were a good many camping close to the hill who were killed. I was talking to a man who said he was under the snow forty-five minutes. His name was J. B. Doss. He and his partner were together. They commenced to dig for him and found him alive, but nearly frozen. They were caught in different ways. Some about the waist, and some about the knees, then some were covered all but the head. The snow slide took place about nine o'clock. There was a terrible snow storm in progress. Such a blinding storm one could hardly see. All were so anxious to get through that they wanted to pull the sleds over the dead bodies. They had to have soldiers to keep the frantic gold seekers from doing this.

When they took out a dead body they hauled it back to Sheep Camp on a sled. There was a little store room there where they stored the bodies. They called this the morgue. There were thirteen bodies there, all lying on the floor. One woman was a horrible sight. She had dressed as a man to aid her in walking. The people who were able, were sent back home. If not, they were buried there. Elder Headington preached the funeral for three young men at one time. In two or three days Purcell was ready to start and we broke camp. We soon arrived at a scale house, where everything was weighed before going to Summit Hill.

When you start up the hill, which is three quarters of a mile high at an angle of forty-five degrees, the first man to get over the hill was to make the stair steps in the snow and ice. It was very hard walking. There was a rope stretched on the right side. On the left side we had a large long stick with an iron spike eight or ten inches long. When you took a step you stuck the stick into the snow and held on to the rope. If you made a misstep you would go over a high cliff. There was a stream of people going up the hill, one after the other. At the top of the hill, where there was a government office, we had to register before we could go into the country. There was a duty of \$15 for each person.

When we started on to Klondike going down the hill, we had to take chains and ropes and tie around the runners of the sleds to keep them from getting away. First we put a long large rope around our shoulders to pull the sleds. On the right-hand side there was a long pole to hold to. It was called a gee pole, that is guide the sled. They said if it went too fast to let it go, for you could not hold it. So I let her go, and it went to the bottom of the hill. I shouted for everyone to get out of the way. There was a great many people hurt going down the hill. One man in a sled broke loose and the men called to him to watch out. He seemed to pay no attention. This long gee pole on the sled struck him in the back and ran through his body. He died almost instantly.

When we reached the bottom of the hill we were at Long Lake. From Long Lake to Lake Linderman is ten miles. We pulled our sleds the entire distance. Then we went back next day until we had everything hauled over to Lake Linderman. Then we pulled to Lake Bennett, ten miles. There was where I left the gang. I started back by myself, and got to the big hill. The first man that went down the hill coming back must have had a hard time. He had made a trench in the snow, and everyone followed him. I slid down that hill three times. I went down flying.

I walked to Dia, gave a man a dollar to take me to Skagway in a skiff. That was a mile away. The only way to get back was to give my money to him. There is where I got on a boat to come home. I gave the captain five dollars and worked my way besides.

J. U. Manter and wife, of St. Louis, attended the funeral of Mrs. M. E. Wells, in this city, Friday.

Whatsoever Circle Meet.

The Whatsoever Circle of the King's Daughters will meet at the home of Mrs. Frank Van Ness at 5:30, Tuesday April 4. State President, Mrs. Burns of Kansas City, will address the Circle, and pin the cross on a number of new members. All are expected to remain for supper and the social hour with the new members and the state executive board. 95-24

George W. Smith of St. Louis, who was in Mexico today in the interest of the T. P. A., was the guest of Sam Morris.

Misses Helen Williams and Frances Mitchell of Columbia are here the guests of Miss Williams' aunt, Mrs. H. B. Barka.

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WOMAN LAWYER CHARGED WITH GRAFT KNOWN HERE

Miss Mable Sturtevant, of Chicago, Went to Missouri Law School When Judge Fry Died.

FRIENDS UNKNOWNLY TOOLS

"Prize Student" Used Their Pictures to Obtain Money is Contention of the Government

Chicago, April 1.—Miss Mable Sturtevant was late yesterday afternoon found not guilty of the charge of using the mails to defraud. The jury was out three hours and on the second ballot returned the verdict.

Photographs of June Gentry and Jessie Macey, names of girls given by Miss Mable Sturtevant as among those introduced at the trial of Miss Sturtevant before Federal Judge J. Otis Humphrey, in Chicago this week. Miss Sturtevant attended school in the law department of Missouri University at the same time Judge W. W. Fry, Jr., of this city did. Then the government which is endeavoring to prove that Miss Sturtevant used the mails in an alleged effort to defraud society women, put on the witness stand the originals of the photographs, Miss Sadie Walmer of Merimam, Kansas, and Mrs. Guy M. Wood of Moline, Ill.

Used Photos in Booklet

Each witness testified that she had exchanged photographs with Miss Sturtevant as a friend and each de-

clared that she had anything to do with her as president of the Association of College Women Workers. The government alleges that it was through the association that money was obtained which Miss Sturtevant said was to be used to aid girls through college, but which, the government maintains, was used for Miss Sturtevant's own benefit.

The photographs were used, according to Charles H. Claranhan, postal inspector, as illustrations in a booklet which the association published in connection with biographies of girls who had been aided. June Gentry had been represented as a writer of magazines, who was reported by Miss Sturtevant, the inspector said, to be on a walking tour in the Cumberland Mountains.

Miss Palmer testified that she did not know she was supposed to be June Gentry until she saw her photograph in the booklet. Mrs. Wood testified that she knew Miss Sturtevant as a fellow student in the University of Missouri and had exchanged photographs with her at that time.

CHARLES CRAIG DEAD

Accumbed to Short Illness After Return from Kansas City.

Charles Craig, 41 years old, son of Mrs. Mary B. Craig, died Saturday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of his mother on south Clark avenue. Mr. Craig has been in ill health for some time though within the past two weeks his condition steadily grew worse. He went to Kansas City earlier in the week to consult a specialist and returned alone Friday night. Since that time he has failed rapidly.

Mr. Craig's father was Sam Craig, a Confederate soldier and one of Mexico's early business men. Mr. Craig was popular with a great many people in Mexico. He was a devoted son and his care and attentions to his mother were remarked upon by all who knew of them. The Ledger joins friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved.

The funeral of Charles Craig was held at 1 p. m. Monday from the home of his mother. The Rev. W. A. Shulenberg conducted the services. The burial was in Elmwood. The bearers were: Dr. A. C. White, H. E. C. Tucker, Will Gregg, Roy Ferris, John Salles, John Kemp.

Widow of Eighty Dies at Farber

Farber, April 1.—Mrs. Manda Adams, 80 years old, died at Farber today from dropsy. She was a widow.

War to Liberate Orient Women

Paris, March 31.—One of the greatest results of the war in the East will be the emancipation of woman said Hussein Kamel, sultan of Egypt, in an interview here.

"Orientals understand too little the great part women play in the world's progress," he says. "We can never be wholly happy in the East until we free women from the semi-slavery to which they are subjected under Mohammedan laws."

Mexican Army Loses Wives

Mexico City, April 1.—Gen. Obregon, Secretary of War has decreed that the reorganized Mexican army will no longer be hampered with the little soldier who has been the most sympathetic and dramatic incident in all warring that has torn the southern republic.

An order has gone into effect in which the commissions of women to travel with the army are nullified.

A 75 Cent Dinner For Three

The Better Housekeeping Club.

My family consists of three persons and I can furnish this dinner for 75 cents: Lamb steak and gravy, 20 cents; Spinach with seasoning, 20; either cornbread or light bread, 5; butter 5; sliced tomatoes, 10; sliced apple pie, 15. C. R. B. Mexico, Mo. —St. Louis Republic

TROOPS IN MEXICO WELL FED

El Paso, Texas, March 28.—A letter has been received here, written Saturday from Major John A. Randolph, chaplain of the Sixth Infantry, with the American troops in Mexico. It says that breakfast that morning consisted of oatmeal, prunes, bacon, hot cakes, sugar syrup and coffee. He said the camp cooks found it difficult to prepare a meal because of the gales but said the appetites of the men and officers were so enormous that no one was inclined to criticize the cooks for any shortcomings. Major Randolph's letter said the spirit of the American soldiers was excellent.

To Raise \$50,000 For Villa's Body?

Brownsville, Texas, March 30.—American and Mexican business men at Monterey are endeavoring to raise \$50,000 in gold as a reward for the capture of Villa, dead or alive, it was said here Thursday by Americans returning from there.

It is planned to have a reward go either to the captors or to a charitable institution.

The Odell sale of stock, Saturday afternoon, was attended by a large number of interested buyers. Some excellent stuff was sold at good prices.

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LARGEST PARTY OF OLD HUNTERS LEFT MEXICO

Just eighteen years ago this month the largest party of gold seekers from any point in the United States to the then recently discovered gold fields of the frozen Klondyke left Mexico on a special train. Stories of fabulous fortunes won in a short period had lured these men to become part of the thousands who were rushing toward the arctic circle. They gathered here from all parts of the Missouri and the departure of the train on March first will be well remembered by many. Chas. Dobyns of this city, who made the trip as far as Lake Bennett, says he never heard of anyone from this country who accompanied the party ever striking it rich. He was at Sheep Camp when the famous Chilkoot pass slide occurred in which 85 gold seekers were killed. This camp was only a few miles from the point where the catastrophe occurred. The coldest it was in Alaska while Mr. Dobyns was there was 45 below zero. He says it is hard to imagine the hardships everyone had to undergo and many followed his plan and did not continue through to Dawson.

Mr. Mr. B. F. Purcell, of High Hill, Mo., acted as guide and director of the band of hardy argonauts on the long journey to the glittering fields of Klondyke. Mr. Purcell formerly lived in Mexico and moved from here to High Hill. He returned from the Klondyke in 1897 with \$40,000 for his year's prospecting there.

The City of Seattle stopped at Juneau, 900 miles north of Tacoma, and here the party on the steamer completed their outfit. Putting to sea again the steamer went 101 miles further north to Dyer or Taiya where the party left the boat and started their long and perilous tramp over the Taiya trail or Chilkoot Pass route.

The trail lead from Dyer up the valley through which the Dyer River flows. The first part of the valley is rather wide, but it gradually narrows down until seven miles from Dyer the mouth of the canyon is reached. From here to Sheep Camp two streams from either side tumble together and form Dyer River. A camp was made on the Chilkoot pass awaiting favorable weather to cross the pass, which towers 3,600 feet above the sea but 12 miles to the rear. Sheep Camp is just at the timber line. When the snow is soft the trip over the pass is sometimes made at night. Three miles to the summit and nine miles to Lake Linderman is a most treacherous trip and very dangerous. Occasionally the trail leads over the bed of a torrent and when the weather is warm enough great sink holes are melted through the snow and ice to the raging torrent below. The climb is the hardest and it is here on account of the loose rocks,

that a small avalanche may be started easily. The party experienced fearful hardships at this point.

The ride across Lake Bennett was made in boats which had been prepared for the party. The trip to Klondyke river, where the gold fields are located was fraught with dangers and hardships no one had conceived before starting. The number from